



Pyeong Yang  
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The jacket is lovely and just what I needed. That wasn't a hard guess. I'd you know that we needed some good cutters. He tried a year ago to get some in Seoul but they had only a rusty set of hearts. Then this year we were asked to furnish cookies for the community Christmas celebration - animals if possible - and there were our new cutters. Children do enjoy them so, but I think you were truly clever to think of them. How to return to the jacket. It gets Sammy now and by the time Howard can sit up in the early spring, he can wear it with a little bonnet which was sent him and has a similar stitching in colors. They are so convenient and so pretty, this one is a beauty and we shall be able to enjoy it for two solid years.

How are you all, I wonder, and what is the news from Frances? Are you knitting and sewing for the Red Cross? Our box of materials from the Yokohama Branch must have gone astray and we feel dreadfully "out of it" when all letters are full of what others are doing.

One thing you do we can vouch for - stimulate production of food stuffs. Please tell Uncle Henry those beans will be given the most intelligent attention - and I'm sure, that of our friend Meason Chai, he serves as outdoor man. He gained us the prize for celery last year.

Mr. Cook who is to go to Manchuria next year to work among the Koreans there has been taking a preliminary view of his field and stopped with us on his way back. He brings great tales of the Rev. Mr. Kenzie, a good missionary of the Scotch Church was captured by a band of sixty, organized under five sub-chiefs. They gave back his money but took his watch and razor as valuables. They offered to return those too if he would become their leader and take them to France to fight. He preferred the banner of the Cross.

This is the star season of the year for station work for the men have to stay at home to teach in the big men's class, which continues during the next six weeks. Men like Mr. Nelson, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Holdcroft are not in much at any other time. Sam, of course, has the Theological Seminary which keeps him several months longer. However, last time he went out to a country church he had to walk for the weather was so deadly the ricksha men...

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Next month the women's classes begin. Mrs. Swallen and Miss Best were planning the "practical talks" and so happy because all can be given now by Korean women. Hard work in the beginning does pay. The Koreans now can do many things better than we. Sam was also congratulating himself on the ease the foreign pastors can now take in presbytery. A Korean moderator and the Korean pastors do the work. They have just decided that no smoker is eligible for an elder and that one who begins to use tobacco after becoming an elder, shall be disciplined.

As to practical talks - what would you answer a poor 'new believer' who asked if it was wicked to comb her hair on Sunday? After the answer has to be "yes" for if they only perform that rite once a week, it becomes quite a formidable one. They still have to be encouraged to do it daily.

By the way soap is pretty high now, do you know that the reason we can scold them when they do not keep clean is just plain - Beans? They can't buy soap but they have used bean flour for centuries here in the place of soap. It keeps the skin delightfully soft and smooth.

He are very much interested in two little Presbyterian girls over at the Women's Hospital. They graduated from Miss Snook's school and with only a week's vacation went to the hospital where Mr. Hall needed help sorely, and they have<sup>so</sup> cheerfully scrubbed floors or worked in the laundry, as they have in drug room or clinic. Now after a year of this they have been hoping to enter Medical College in Tokyo or Peking but the scholarships are not forthcoming and their families can not manage the necessary \$150 gold per year. I still

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Doctors and nurses are needed everywhere, aren't they? What do you think of this sad tale Mrs. Ross M. H. of Suen Chuen tells - after teaching hygiene for some little time, one of her pupils, would a visit from one of her pupils. Would she make her a little sponge cake, the baby was sick and doctor ordered gruel. But Baby wouldn't eat gruel, perhaps it would like sponge cake.

Speaking of babies' appetites. Howard is the fattest thing that ever happened to a Waffett, and his appetite is astounding. After chewing all over his "flankies" and sleeves he will consume 6 oz. of milk, then howl for more until we can get his attention distracted. Then he is all smiles and good will. Sammy thinks "Be te" is a prize. It will not be long, apparently before #2 will be able to make #1 stand around. Even now we have made some of Howard's clothes larger than Sammy's, he is growing so fast. Sammy runs and shouts every day to work off all his spare ounces. His favorite toy this Christmas was an accordion jamie found down town. The big boys are always ready to play with him, jamie is especially fertile in happy ideas for him. Aunt Mattie writes she would rather hear of their holding baby or helping about the house than of tramps or parties. She would enjoy seeing them with the little ones.

Charles was holding a pen the other day and talking every minute. I told him to get to work but he gleefully answered "I have so much to talk, I don't have to think" perhaps this letter may make you think it is a family trait.

With many, many thanks for the seeds and the lovely parcel

Lovingly,  
Lucia.

If you have time, please write. I shall probably find myself after a while. So many new duties leave me rather dazed just now but it is loads of fun.

Rev. H. Loomis

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Dr. H. Loomis

Dear Mr. Loomis.

I am sending to you a book that shows the progress that is being made by the Japanese in Korea. I think you will find it of interest. I think all friends of Korea will be thankful for the good work that has been done and is still going on. What a contrast this is in what there was before the Japanese occupation and what an advantage this is to the missionary work. I am told that Sun Chih Bo (who figured prominently in the Boerferey case) is now satisfied that the Japanese administration has been a benefit to the country. And how much better than Russian control.

R. I see that Rev. Mr. Rhodes of your Mission has been telling the people in America that it is possible to evangelize Japan and China by means of Korean evangelists. To one who knows the conditions <sup>such</sup> such a statement is utterly absurd; and it is a pity to deceive the people and discredit the workers in this way.

Among the other misfortunes that have come to Korea was the appointment by China of a Korean Adviser, named von Haldendorff, who was a German of the worst type. He began his drunken career by adopting the Korean dress, taking plenty of opium, and boasting that he wanted to become one of themselves, while his poor wife revealed to Dr. Allen that her life was one of absolute wretchedness.

In an interview that I had with him of about

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half an hour he made these startling statements as to the policy that he was to be accomplished in order to promote the welfare of the country.

First, that in case the King Father, the Tai Wan Kan, should not concede to his plans they would cut off his head.

Second, in case there was a deficiency in the Treasury the current coinage should be declared worthless and a new ~~and more~~ and still more debased currency forced upon the people. In this way all the money that was required would be realized.

Third. If any of the proposed schemes were in conflict with the treaties the treaties would be ignored, i.e. treated as "scraps of paper".

This was the representative in Korea of modern liberation circles; and whose influence the conspirators bend to combat.

The Rupians also sent to Korea as their Minister a man named Waerber, who was also German, possessed of genius of the highest type; and devoted to the one project of gaining the control of the country. To accomplish his purpose he and his accomplished wife sought in every possible way to win favor with the people and conspirators; and at the same time to discredit the Japanese.

Such was their skill and success that I suspect if a vote had been taken as to which country it would be for the best of Korea to be under either would have been a unanimous vote in favor of Russia. As you know even the King took

refuge in the Russian Legation from his own people  
and the Japanese.

I am confident that much of the dislike and  
opposition to the Japanese in Korea was caused by  
the two men whom I have mentioned, and it is  
very probable that had it not been for their in-  
fluence there would have been no "League of Race".

I was reading yesterday in the last number  
of the paper "Overnight" how that one of the most  
popular and successful ministers among the Japanese  
lost his faith entirely by reading the works of the  
German Higher Critics. After fifteen years of membership,  
and finding no peace, he is now a most successful  
worker in connection with the Salvation Army. At  
the present time his work as an evangelist is  
being wonderfully blessed.

A little grandson of ours was overheard by his  
mother explaining to his younger brother (who was  
just recovering from the measles) why it was there  
were so many bad diseases going about the country all  
the time and causing so much pain to the chil-  
dren, and the reason he gave was "There are so many  
germs in the air". I think he has got pretty near  
the root of the matter.

We are very thankful to be here in our quiet  
home and to watch the progress of God's Kingdom  
in spite of the horrors of war.

With kindest regards

Yours most cordially

Ed Lewis.

considered by the natives fine medicine for sore eyes. We gave them this, however, and half the meat. Two of the men's arms were broken by the bear as they had fought with it, and an old man 73 years of age was terribly torn in nine places and left arm broken. As he ran to get out of the way he fell and the bear piled on. We took all the crippled ones into the hospital and it took almost a day to patch them up and set all bones. I killed a big wild boar some years ago but he was not in the class of this bear. The boar I think the most vicious beast out here. Only this week one attacked a Korean and killed him in short order. There are big tigers in Korea but they rarely come out and attack a man, tho occasionally one carries off a child.

We now have 232 lepers in the home, and they are as happy a lot of people as you could imagine. They call the place "Heaven," and indeed it is heaven as compared to their customary existence. The other day a woman with sores over her body fell at my feet begging that we let her be a leper also. I told her she could enter the general hospital and be treated for a week or so. "No," she said, "I want to enter the *leper* home and stay there." Should a rich man meet a poor boy and say "Here is a fine auto, or \$2,000, take it

and do just as you please," the boy would not feel any happier or more lucky than one of these lepers does on entering this home. We have a big field-day every year, with all kinds of games and sports. There is a school for all the children, which is a very great treat for a Korean. Once a month we kill a calf or buy them some meat, which is a great treat also. Each leper gets a new suit of clothes and a bandana handkerchief annually. All who are able have to work, and make a garden for themselves; so all this keeps them busy, and if one keeps busy and thinks less of self he is apt to be happy. Now all this costs about \$2.40 per month for each leper. Don't you think we should take in more? To-day as I looked out and saw seven poor fellows shivering, standing in the cold and begging to be taken in, I thought how many people at home would love to have the privilege of supporting a few of these seven if they only knew about them. You can tell them what \$2.40 will do for a poor miserable outcast. It's hard to imagine that a leper can be made happy so easily, but it's a fact. In the home their ulcers are treated and heal, and there is much improvement in their condition noticeable in a short while.

## Twenty Fifth Anniversary of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Swallen.

BY SAMUEL A. MOFFETT.

The year 1892 marked the greatest proportionate increase in the force of workers in Korea of any year in the history of Missions in this land. The Northern Presbyterian Mission received four ordained men and the wives of three of them, Rev. and Mrs. S. F. Moore, Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Miller, Rev. Graham Lee, (Mrs. Lee came in 1894) and Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Swallen, while the Southern Presbyterian Mission was opened with the arrival of that pioneer band of seven whose 25th anniversary has just been so pleasantly celebrated at Chunju.

Five of those arriving that year celebrate the anniversary with the many Koreans now in Heaven, but both Dr. and Mrs. Swallen are with us and the Koreans here have delighted to honor them.

They arrived 25 years ago this month of November and to few missionaries has it been given to be so richly blessed and to be so great a blessing.

Appointed first to the new Station of Pyongyang, Mr. Swallen went with his colleagues Messrs. Moffett and Lee for the selection of a

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site for the new station. This was in February 1893 but at the Annual Meeting that year he and Mrs. Swallen were transferred to Wonsan as colleagues of Mr. and Mrs. Gale, who had opened the station there in 1892. For six years they labored in the Wonsan field until this station was turned over to the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in 1899, when they were again assigned to Pyengyang and moved there in April of that year. In Wonsan they had endured hardships as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, Dr. Swallen the indefatigable itinerator taking long trips up and down the coast of Ham Kyeng province and establishing the Church in many centers.

At the celebration in Central Church, Pyengyang, the Wonsan language teacher told of some of the experiences and difficulties of those early days and paid eloquent tribute to the character and consecration of both Mr. and Mrs. Swallen during those pioneer days.

From 1899, for these 18 years, they have been among the greatest factors in the development of the large Evangelistic work and the system of Bible Classes which have marked the Pyengyang station.

Mr. Swallen began his work here in company with Mr. Lee in the Western circuit of Whangmi province, taking 4 counties where in 1906 the Chairyung station was opened, while Mrs. Swallen began the instruction of the women in Central Church and taught one of the Teacher Training Classes. They were soon assigned the oversight of the Christians near the South Gate and in 1903 were set off from the Central Church with 172 members and catechumens to form the South Gate Church of which Dr. Swallen became the pastor, and so continued until the installation of a Korean pastor in sole charge in 1915.

After 7 years work in Whanghai province the Chairyung Station was opened in 1906 and the Western circuit of Pyeng An formerly under the care of Messrs. Moffett, Baird and Hunt with about 40 groups and some 3,000 Christians was transferred to Dr. Swallen's care, and here for over ten years he and Mrs.

Swallen have done a monumental work in the faithful, persistent cultivation of this field until today it constitutes nearly one third of the Christian constituency of Pyengyang station, reporting over 60 churches with more than 6,000 members and catechumens, with 12 ordained pastors and 10 helpers all supported by the Korean Church. Mrs. Swallen has had special oversight of the Bible Classes, there having been held 148 of these for men and women this last year with an attendance of *over 9,000*. Many of these classes she has conducted personally having proved almost as good an itinerator as her husband, in the years since the children have grown up.

The Koreans of the Western circuit and of the City and the many pastors and theological students who had grown up under Dr. Swallen's instruction desired to give expression to their love and esteem for Dr. and Mrs. Swallen and so arranged for a celebration, when the pastors and students were in attendance upon the Seminary and its Post-Graduate course in June, which was successfully and enthusiastically carried out.

Their work will reach far into the future through the books on Church History, O. T. History, the Life of Christ, Christian Ethics, Sunday School Lessons and Bible Studies which Dr. Swallen prepared, and through the Correspondence Course of Bible Study first inaugurated by Mrs. Swallen for the women of the Western circuit and then developed by them both for men and women of the whole station. Dr. Swallen has for 15 years been one of the Professors in the Theological Seminary and has helped to train all the ministry of the church. His *Alma Mater*, Wooster University, Ohio, gave him the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1912. Among their many blessings, as well as contributions to the mission field, we must include the fact of the return as a missionary to Korea of their eldest daughter, Miss Olivette Swallen, while the second daughter Miss Gertrude is expected next year.

The Koreans, their many friends and their most intimate colleagues delight to express love and appreciation and wish them another Twenty Five years of service.

